

## Youth Mental Health Program Oversight Committee

The fourth Oversight Committee meeting, chaired by Associate Professor John Allan, Executive Director, Mental Health, Alcohol and Other Drugs Branch, Clinical Excellence Division, Department of Health, was held on 23 August 2018. Members discussed progress of the Youth Mental Health Program to date.

The request for offer (RFO) to procure mental health non-clinical support services from non-government organisations (NGO) for the three new Youth Step Up Step Down Units (YSUSDU) in north and south Brisbane and Cairns was released to the market on 4 July 2018. Evaluation of Offers is progressing with anticipated announcement of successful Offeror/s in November 2018. It was a mandatory requirement within the RFO that the NGO demonstrated accreditation with the National Standards for Mental Health Services. This aligns with the Government response to recommendation 2 of the Barrett Adolescent Centre Commission of Inquiry report, to ensure appropriate quality and safeguard measures are adopted for service delivery to children and young people. Detailed design of the YSUSDUs in north and south Brisbane is progressing including co-design consultation sessions.

A review of the model of service (MOS) for the Child and Adolescent Day Programs (Day Program) has commenced. Existing Day Program staff from health and education have attended joint workshops to consolidate and connect practice across Queensland. Following this, a revised, contemporary, evidence-based and experience-informed MOS will be developed to support operationalisation of the new Day Programs in Logan and the Gold Coast. The capital program for refurbishment of the two new Day Programs is progressing from schematic design to detailed design, including co-design consultation.

For the new state-wide adolescent extended treatment (AET) facility at The Prince Charles Hospital (TPCH) campus, early works on the expansion of an existing carpark at TPCH site, allowing for relocation of staff parking spaces from the site of the new facility, is progressing with anticipated completion September 2018. The tender process to engage a building contractor for the AET facility is proceeding following finalisation of design.

The AET MOS development process has involved extensive stakeholder consultation with consumers and carers. Anticipated delivery of the completed AET MOS and accompanying Visual MOS is September 2018 to support operationalisation planning for the new facility. Children's Health Queensland Hospital and Health Service has commenced two project positions to support this operationalisation planning. Additionally, the Queensland Centre for Mental Health Research has been engaged to develop an evaluation framework for the new state-wide facility.

The Committee also heard updates from key partners:

- Consumers and carers who will provide a presentation at the next meeting;
- Department of Education regarding best-practice education and vocational training programs within health facilities, with key findings across five categories: access to learning; high quality teaching and learning; continuity of learning; community belonging; and multidisciplinary collaboration.
- Department of Child Safety, Youth and Women regarding a joint review of Evolve Therapeutic Services with Queensland Health.
- Department of Community Services, Disabilities and Seniors regarding transition of disability services to the National Disability Insurance Scheme.
- Primary Health Networks (PHN) presenting on their review of Brisbane North PHN commissioned child and youth services.

The next Committee meeting will be held in November 2018. For further information see <http://health.qld.gov.au/improvement/youthmentalhealth>